CEDI Leadership Board Meeting Minutes  
June 5th, 2020

I. Welcome, introductions of visitors, if present  
    ● There were no visitors present at this time.

II. Acceptance of 5/29/20 Leadership Board Minutes  
    ● The meeting minutes from May 29, 2020 were accepted.

III. Updates  
    a. Talking Circles  
       ● The CEDI co-chairs and various Leadership Board members discussed the talking circle event from Thursday, June 4, 2020 and shared that there was a range of emotions and needs coming from students.  
       ● In particular, Babi De Melo Lemos ’21 shared that this was a group of largely non-black students and allies, and questioned if we should broadcast other talking circles this way or who the target audience might be for this type of event.  
       ● The Leadership Board also discussed next steps, including potentially reaching out to students, reanalyzing the College’s diversity statement, and other ideas. The Leadership Board decided to work on sending out a message to students clarifying CEDI’s aims and role in the coming week.  
    b. BSA Demands  
       ● The CEDI Leadership Board discussed the letter that was sent from the BSA, ACA, MoC, and SDAs from the Africana Studies department to President Poskanzer and deans of the College.  
       ● Though many Leadership Board members had not had time to thoroughly read this letter, one of the takeaways was that though it might not be fair to ask more of these students’ time in asking to meet with them, CEDI should have more frequent communications with students and should potentially address black students and these concerns more specifically.

IV. Title IX Answers to CEDI Questions  
    ● This discussion was tabled for a later meeting.

V. Next Steps for CEDI  
    ● In terms of next steps, the co-chairs asked Leadership Board members to read the letter and list of BSA’s demands more closely. Additionally, CEDI will continue to think about next steps regarding communications with the campus and potential subcommittee work.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m. via Zoom